not whether the income from any office is more than the expenditure, but whether the office has sufficient work, and whether any serious public inconvenience will be caused by its abolition.

Construction of a bridge at Tottapalli.

234. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge at Tottapalli has begun;

(*b*) if it is not begun, the reasons for the delay in starting the construction of the bridge; and

(*c*) whether the bridge is arranged to be constructed directly by the Public Works Department or by some engineering firm as in the case of the Neendakara bridge?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The provision made for the work is proposed to be utilised by Government on other more urgent new expenditure.

(*c*) This is not decided.

Statement of appointments made by Mrs. D. M. Philipose, Assistant Inspectress of Vernacular Schools.

235. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of appointments made since the beginning of the year 1106, with special reference to the communities to which the applicants belong, in the Vernacular Schools for girls at the instance of Mrs. D. M. Philipose, Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools; and

(*b*) the number of applicants from non-Christian communities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)	(1) Nayars	...	27
	(2) Ezhavas	...	9
	(3) Other Hindus	...	2
	(4) Christians	...	37
	Total	...	75

(*b*) 123.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know the number of applications from Christians?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has not been asked in the question and the information is not, therefore, now before me.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know whether, out of the 123 non-Christian applicants, only 38 were appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Statistics re small-pox in 1107.

236. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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